

THE SONS OF THE SIRE, A HISTORY OF THE RISE, PROGRESS, AND DESTINY OF THE AMERICAN PARTY, AND ITS PROBABLE INFLUENCE ON THE NEXT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, TO WHICH IS ADDED A REVIEW OF THE LETTER OF THE HON. HENRY A. WISE AGAINST THE KNOW-NOTHINGS, BY AN AMERICAN.

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REFERENCES.
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WOOD GAS.—CAUTION.

BE IT KNOWN, that the subscriber obtained letters patent in December, 1850, for an apparatus for the destructive distillation of wood, and the making therefrom of tar or pitch at pleasure, and gas; and in the judgment of competent persons, the invention of said apparatus recently patented by W. D. Porter cannot be used by him or any other person without infringing my said patent. And, further, that what is patented by said Porter rightfully belongs to me, as I expect to prove, and long before the United States Patent Office, and, further, that the use of said Porter's invention involves also a process which I am now claiming before the United States Patent Office, and which has been adjudged to be patentable to the first inventor thereof, and which said W. D. Porter has formally disclaimed, as appears upon the public records of said office, of which an official copy is hereto annexed, and also a copy of his claims.

In the National Intelligencer of the 25th inst. Mr. Porter announces that he has secured by patent the "exclusive right to making gas from wood," and threatens prosecution to all parties infringing his patent. I ask how this statement comports with the fact of my patent of December, 1850, and how far the threat intimates under such circumstances? Mr. Porter's claim is based upon a movable perforated diaphragm, and was not understood by the Patent Office, as it appears from the records of the Patent Office, that his claim was at first refused as interfering with prior patent to Robert Foulis, of Canada, for an equivalent contrivance. This claim, as given below, and in which the perforated diaphragm is the essential feature, is what Mr. Porter calls securing the "exclusive right to making gas from wood." The statement carries absurdity on its front, and is a libel on the good sense of the Patent Office. If such a claim or right had been granted, it would forbid every coal-bank and charcoal manufacturer in the country.

The following copies of correspondence and extracts from the records of the Patent Office will show the true state of the case:

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE.
August 25, 1854.

Sir, In reply to your letter of this date, asking "if any patent has been granted to W. D. Porter, dated 23d August, 1854, or at any other time, or to any other person or persons, securing to him or them 'the exclusive right to making gas from wood,' whether any such claim was made by W. D. Porter, under his application for a patent, which letters patent were issued bearing the above date, you are informed that W. D. Porter's claims are believed to be confined to his apparatus; and, further, that this office is not aware that a patent has been granted heretofore for the exclusive right to making gas from wood. It would, however, be unjustifiable to expect me to make an extended investigation to answer your request.

I am, respectfully, your obedient servant,
C. Mason, Commissioner of Patents.

W. P. McConnell, Esq.,
Care of Prof. C. C. Page, Washington, D. C.

The United States Patent Office.—To all persons to whom these presents shall come, greeting:

This is to certify that the annexed is a true copy from the files of this office of an extract from a paper filed in the matter of the application of W. D. Porter for letters patent, in accordance with which application letters patent were issued to said W. D. Porter on the 23d day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

In testimony whereof, I, Charles Mason, Commissioner of Patents, have caused this true copy of the Patent Office to be hereunto affixed [L. S.] this 25th day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and of the independence of the United States the seventy-ninth.

C. MASON.

Copy of disclaimer of W. D. Porter in his application for an improved still for making wood gas, filed in the Patent Office, August 22, 1854. Letters patent issued August 22, 1854.

"I do not claim as my invention and discovery the improvements in making gas from wood, viz: subjecting the product to distillation, and the use thereof to a high degree of heat, substantially as has been described and for the purposes set forth in the specification of W. P. McConnell."

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C. MASON.

Extract from Specification of W. D. Porter on which letters patent were issued August 23, 1854. Claim 1. I claim as my invention and discovery the use of a still for the purpose of distilling wood gas, and the use of the gas so distilled, as described in the foregoing specification, and shown in the accompanying drawings.

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WM. P. McCONNELL,
By his attorney CHAS. G. PAGE.

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In other words, all powers exercised must be clearly granted, and all granted powers must be used for no purpose, except such as is clearly intended by the Constitution.

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The SENTINEL will advocate such a progressive foreign policy as will suit itself to the exigencies, and correspond with the expanding interests of the country. That policy should be energetic and decisive, but should temper firmness with liberality, and make its highest ends consist with the strictest principles of justice. The real interests of the country, upon each occasion demanding attention, shall be its guide in the course the SENTINEL will pursue.

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